



CITY OF GUNNISON PARKS AND RECREATION

Park and Recreation Department Six Month Report

The long winter and our winter programs have come to an end. The extremely long skating season concluded with the adult Brent Carlson tournament. We had a successful season with operations and the initiation of the inaugural season for our new manager went very well. I am sure that Andy felt overwhelmed at times however we received many compliments on staff and ice conditions and what a fabulous facility we have. We appreciate the multiple years of experience that Brian Swanson brings to ice rink year after year. His ice making abilities are exceptional. Our bottom line for revenue improved over last season. Deposits were made in a timely fashion and we had a much improved working relationship with finance.

We had lack of power issues with our new Zamboni right from the start. After trying many suggestions from Zamboni they eventually sent over a diagnostic computer to monitor the machine while in use. After additional suggestions were made the issue was finally resolved as a clogged fuel filter. The machine ran much better after the fix. We requested and were granted an extension on the warranty for an additional year. We will be making arrangements for a rebuild of compressor #2 before the start of the 16/17 season. Several additional maintenance items will have to be addressed prior to next season mainly the snow catchers on the roof of both the indoor and outdoor rink were sheared off due to snow accumulations on the roof.

The Cranor Ski season also happened for the third consecutive season. We really did not have a lot of coverage however what we had held up well mainly due to the extremely cold temperatures. We struggled initially as always with employees particularly over the Christmas break. Once we got settled with staff the season went well. We experienced minimal injuries and the lift had very few problems. We did lose the snow coverage at the bottom of the hill earlier than anticipated, that coupled with the lack of snow in Feb and March forced an early closure. Overall revenues were up \$2,000 over last season. A detailed comparison spread sheet is attached. We can attribute that to a slight increase in passes and daily fees and the fact that we have opened consistently for 3 seasons.

We had a constant contingent of terrain park individuals who set up rails and features at Cranor during the week. The group randomly set up tricks that were in places that were not acceptable to what we are trying to accomplish, particularly in the beginner terrain, a lot of which was downright dangerous. There was no communication and it was a constant battle of them setting up a course and us tearing it down. The unfortunate part is that there is plenty of room at Cranor for everyone if the arrangement of the features is compatible with area operations and if proper material is used and maintained. Jerad and I met with two individuals involved with the jib set up. They are looking to apply for several grants to purchase terrain park features that they are hoping to place at Cranor. We have no problem with that as long as the placement of the features is pre-approved. We will even blade out a path for placement in the fall to assure that there is no question as to where the park will be located. We cannot have and will not accept blatant misuse of our facility. We also need to have contacts for all individuals involved with placement. We need accountability respect and development of a constructive partnership. We shall see

what happens. We do plan on blading in a course area for placement of the old features even if the funding does not happen.

Parks had a busy season assisting at the ice rink, working on Community Center and pool projects, performing Cranor Hill maintenance and repairing park items in preparation for the no snow season. Our gym box roof repair failed early this winter. We had to spend several days on the roof shoveling all the snow off of the high side of the gym roof over the midway point seam. We had global linings on sight in an attempt to determine the failure. They used their inferred camera inside the gym and the leaks to determine that the leak was originating from the seam. There were no obvious issues from a visual inspection of the seam. Fortunately we did not experience any additional leaking the rest of the winter. We will be meticulously inspecting the seam now that the snow is gone. Now that spring programs are in full swing Parks lines fields, opens restrooms and has the most unenviable job of removing dog poop from the fields. Next on their list will be prepping for the dog park construction. We need to locate a source of fill to raise the level of the non-wetland area of the park. I will include an attachment with the park budget.

I am sad to report that our Recreation Coordinator has not been issued a clear bill of health from the physician to return to work. She submitted her resignation yesterday. We wish her well in her recovery and will miss her presence with Parks and Rec. We are in the process of reviewing the Coordinator Job description and will be announcing an opening that position next week.

Community Center Revenue is down almost \$ 8,000 over last year, mostly in the membership category. We have no idea why and hope to make it up in the second quarter.

Included in the attachments are reports for each individual supervisor to provide the hands on perspective from our crew.